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**AGENDA**

**MEETING OF**

**WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS - 1001 E. 9th Street, Reno, Nevada**

**January 5, 2009**

**8:30 a.m.**

**NOTE:** Items on the agenda without a time designation may not necessarily be considered in the order in which they appear on the agenda. Items may be moved to or from the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the Board Meeting or may be voted on in a block.

The Washoe County Commission Chambers are accessible to the disabled. If you require special arrangements for the meeting, call the County Manager's Office, 328-2000, 24-hours prior to the meeting.

**Public Comment** during the Commission Meeting on January 5, 2009 will be for all matters, both on and off the agenda, and be limited to two minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of two minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Commission meeting.

The Chairman and Board of County Commissioners intend that their proceedings should demonstrate the highest levels of decorum, civic responsibility, efficiency and mutual respect between citizens and their government. The Board respects the right of citizens to present differing opinions and views, even criticism, but our democracy cannot function effectively in an environment of personal attacks, slander, threats of violence and willful disruption. To that end, the Nevada Open Meeting Law provides the authority for the Chair of a public body to maintain the decorum and to declare a recess if needed to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting, and notice is hereby provided of the intent of this body to preserve the decorum and remove anyone who disrupts the proceedings.

The County Commission can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the public comment period, speakers may address matters not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Commission. However, responses from Commissioners to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda. The Commission may do this either during the public comment item or during the following item: “\*Commissioners’/Manager’s Announcements, Requests for Information, Topics for Future Agendas and Statements Relating to Items Not on the Agenda”.

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for the Commission Meeting has been posted at the following locations. Washoe County Administration Building (1001 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Bldg. A), Washoe County Courthouse-Clerk's Office (Court and Virginia Streets), Washoe County Central Library (301 South Center Street) and Sparks Justice Court (630 Greenbrae Drive). At the meeting after salute to the flag and roll call, the Board of County Commissioners may vote on the following items as the Board and, ex-officio, as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, as the Board of Directors for the Sierra Fire Protection District, and/or the Board of Trustees of either the Lawton/Verdi or South Truckee Meadows General Improvement Districts.

Support documentation for the items on the agenda, provided to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners is available to members of the public at the County Manager's Office (1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Reno, Nevada) and on the County's website at [www.washoecounty.us](http://www.washoecounty.us).

Unless otherwise indicated by asterisk (\*), all items on the agenda are action items upon which the Board of County Commissioners will take action.

- 8:30 a.m.**
- \*1. Salute to the flag.
  - \*2. Roll call.
  3. Approval of the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners' meeting of January 5, 2009, including consideration of taking items out of sequence, deleting items and adding items which require action upon a finding that an emergency exists.
  4. Oath of office for newly elected officials.
  5. Election of Chairman of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.
  6. Election of Vice Chairman of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.
  7. Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.
  8. Adjournment.